

CoS confirms Awali as next IDF line

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Chief of Staff Moshe Levy last night officially confirmed for the first time that the prospective withdrawal of Israeli troops in Lebanon will be to a line along the Awali River.

Speaking on the TV's *Moked* interview programme, Levy took pains to link the planned partial withdrawal to last May's Israeli-Lebanese non-belligerence and troop withdrawal agreement.

The withdrawal is not "unilateral" but rather a plan "which implements the (bilateral) agreement," said Levy. He also confirmed that the cabinet decision on the redeployment plan would be "taken soon."

The end goal of the agreement, reiterated Levy, is the complete evacuation of the IDF from Lebanese territory.

Levy declined to predict whether the decision would be made before

or after Prime Minister Menachem Begin's trip to Washington, which is to begin on July 27.

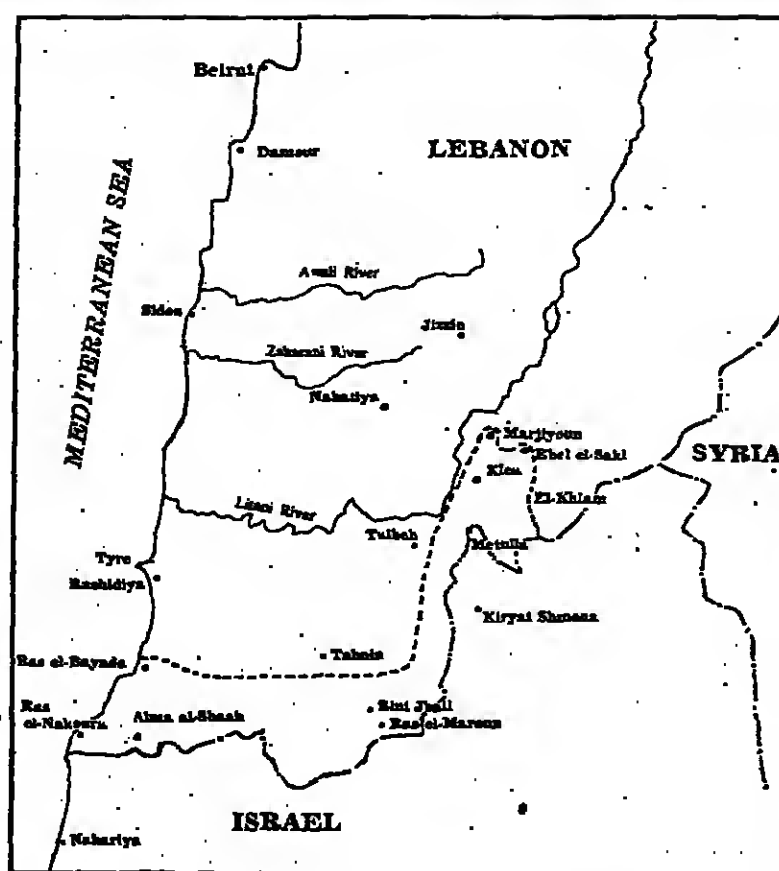
The chief of staff said that the number of IDF casualties in Lebanon is not necessarily a function of the amount of territory controlled by the army.

When asked about possible IDF measures to counter terror activities against Israeli troops in Lebanon, Levy said there is "need for actions which will reduce, prevent and hamper operations against us."

He mentioned last week's IDF retaliatory artillery strike against PLO bases behind Syrian lines in the Bekaa Valley in this connection, but refused to comment on whether the IDF envisages a change of policy and further strikes at targets behind Syrian lines.

Levy declined to say whether the planned redeployment would reduce reserve duty.

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IDF in Shouf has saved thousands

Post Knesset Reporter
The presence of the Israeli Defence Forces in Lebanon's Shouf Mountains in the last few months had saved hundreds if not thousands of lives, Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Michael Bar-Zohar (Alignment), calling for the IDF's immediate withdrawal to a security zone in Southern Lebanon.

Arens said that before leaving the area Israel would make every effort to ensure that its departure would

not be followed by killings.

He agreed with Bar-Zohar that what must guide Israel in this matter is security for Galilee. But for some members of the Alignment, Arens said, this means withdrawing to the border and ignoring developments across the line.

But on Israel's northern border, as on its eastern and southern borders, what happens on the other side affects peace in Israel, Arens said.

The motion was referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Old City arson at archeologist office

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A fire severely damaged the office of archeologist Meir Ben-Dov in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City late last night and police said it was clearly a case of arson, with suspicion falling on religious zealots opposing the City of David excavations.

Students were taken to the Kishle lock-up inside Jaffa Gate.

Earlier in the evening police used a jeep equipped with a siren and water cannon to extinguish fires set by demonstrators. Wearing gas masks, the police repeatedly hurled gas canisters at crowds in Mea She'arim's Sabbath Square in an attempt to clear the streets.

Curfew lifted on Lebanese villages after fatal ambush

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HASBAYA. — The IDF yesterday lifted the curfew imposed on two villages close to the site of Monday's ambush near here in which two Israeli soldiers were killed and 16 wounded.

The villages of Mimas and Bitz-naye were closed for two days because IDF investigators suspected that residents had cooperated with the terrorists who planted the bomb. Soldiers who entered the villages yesterday encountered hostility on the part of residents. Slogans against Israel were painted on walls, and stones were thrown at soldiers as they conducted house-to-house searches.

Mimas is a Druse village and is

thought to support the leftist forces of Lebanese Druse leader Walid Jumblatt. Representatives of the Druse town Hasbaya, who met with IDF officers yesterday, apologized for the bombing incident and offered help in any way possible.

Precautionary measures were stepped up during the last 24 hours relating to the movement of Israeli military traffic along main roads in the region. Lebanese civilian vehicles are subjected to searches at numerous roadblocks, including examination of the engine and baggage.

The road from Karoun in Lebanon to Metulla was closed for part of the day yesterday as searches were carried out along its entire length.

IDF to increase strength of Lebanese village militias

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Defence Forces plan to double the size of Southern Lebanese village militias to counteract the increasing strength of anti-Israeli elements there, the army weekly *Bamahane* reported yesterday.

Quoting unnamed sources in the IDF's liaison unit in Lebanon, *Bamahane* said such militias exist in some 50 villages. Each group contains 10 to 12 members, and is armed by the IDF but financed by the villagers.

The IDF wants to establish such units in 100 villages and to encompass 1,200 men. By doing so it hopes to "strengthen the IDF's ties with the Shia forces in Southern Lebanon as a response to the strengthening of anti-Israeli elements among the local population,"

the magazine said.

The militias were formed originally by the Lebanese government and briefly disbanded during the IDF invasion.

Military sources said the militias had proved their efficiency on several occasions when they reported terrorist movements.

"They know about any stranger who comes to the village. They report on him immediately. We go into action and thus the villagers learn to trust them and recognize their usefulness," an IDF officer in the area said.

The commander of the Tyre area said the IDF will continue its policy of large-scale detentions of local residents. He said waves of detention had proved their efficiency in periodically calming the area. "Now this method is used as part of the effort to prevent attacks on IDF soldiers in Lebanon," he added.

After inspecting the damage to his office, archeologist Ben-Dov told *The Jerusalem Post* that "it was a clear-cut case of arson. Police said the fire had been set in three different parts of the office. Ten storage jars dating from the Second Temple period, along with office equipment and documents, were destroyed."

"But whoever did this apparently had the wrong address," Ben-Dov added. "They probably wanted the office of Prof. Yigal Shilo, head of the City of David dig." Ben-Dov's work is chiefly concerned with the Temple Mount and the Jewish Quarter.

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Hammer said afterwards: "The ultra-Orthodox respect neither the dead nor the living."

It was learned that when Hammer is travelling to and from Education Ministry offices in Jerusalem's Musrara quarter, he often drives around Mea She'arim instead of passing through the neighbourhood. Meanwhile, Imri Ron (Alignment-Mapa) yesterday wrote Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and asked him to exert his authority to the utmost to crack down on the ultra-Orthodox violence with all the vigour of the law.

'Deadline' passes but arbitrator talks go on

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Now that the "final deadline" for choosing the arbitrator in the doctors' dispute has passed, the Israel Medical Association and the employers have apparently entered into "extra time" in their efforts to find an acceptable candidate before the matter is turned over to the courts.

The IMA yesterday held intensive discussions on a "new name" proposed by the employers, a government source said. It was felt that as long as discussions were in progress, it was preferable to give the two sides a chance to reach

agreement between themselves, rather than referring the matter to a district court, he said.

While the names of proposed candidates are being kept secret, it was learned that the IMA has rejected several former Supreme Court justices who have been proposed. IMA officials have stated on several occasions that the doctors would not accept a judge, who they feel would approach the problem from a "legalistic" rather than an economic standpoint.

The last "final deadline" expired at 9 p.m. Tuesday, exactly one week after the arbitration agreement was signed in Jerusalem.

Hebron building injunction in doubt

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The dismissal of Hebron's Arab mayor and his council, in response to last Thursday's murder of a yeshiva student Aharon Gross in the city, and his replacement by an Israeli official, have paved the way for the renewed reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter in Hebron.

Reconstruction has been held up by a petition to the High Court of Justice brought by the Arab municipality last year on the grounds that the settlers had not obtained a licence for demolition or construction as required by law. Nor had the settlers obtained permission to place several large mobile homes in the vicinity and their plans for the building of a complex of 21 apartments have not been approved by the supreme planning council in the West Bank. The court issued an interim injunction barring further work on the site.

Arens expects coexistence in central Hebron

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter
The murder of Aharon Gross in the Hebron market will not stop the government from restoring the Jewish quarter of Hebron that was destroyed in 1929 — "just as we restored the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem that was destroyed in 1948," Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday.

Replying in the Knesset to seven motions for the agenda on Gross' murder, Arens said he did not accept the view that Jews should not settle in areas heavily populated by Arabs "because that makes the Arabs angry."

That was a norm that the government could not accept with respect to any part of Eretz Yisrael, Arens said. Jews and Arabs can live together in peace — as they are doing in Nazareth, Haifa, Acre, Ramle, Lod and Jerusalem.

Arens said that the acting mayor of Hebron and the members of the city council might have been expected to try to calm tempers and to curb terrorism. In fact, he said, they had acted in a manner that served to increase tension and to encourage extremist elements.

The council boycotted the civil administration and had called on

other institutions in the West Bank to do likewise, he said. Posters of incitement against Israel and the Israel Defence Forces had been prepared in the municipality.

Arens said it had been "with great hesitation" that he had approved the recommendation of Aluf Ori Ohr, OC Central Command, to dismiss the acting mayor and the council.

In so doing, he said, his main consideration had been his concern for lives in the area, Jewish and Arab alike.

Arens said that some of the Jewish settlers he had encountered in Hebron on the day of the murder were hysterical. (Some had cursed him, but he didn't mention that.) This was not the way that Eretz Yisrael would be built up, not the way that Hebron would be settled.

Instead of blaming the IDF when one of their number was murdered, the settlers would have done better to ask whether they had done all they should have to protect lives, Arens said.

The first motion for the agenda was presented by Eliezer Avidel (National Religious Party), who said that the answer to such acts was the rapid development of Kiryat Arba and the intensification of the Jewish presence in Hebron.

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Peres fires back at Rabin

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday accused former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin of distorting an article he had written and using it to attack him for things he had not said.

Peres was referring to Rabin's criticism of his proposal that Israel set red lines for Syrian advancement in Lebanon. Rabin claimed that was a sure formula for a military clash between the Israeli and Syrian armies.

Peres said yesterday that Rabin was attacking him for things he had

not said. "All the points (Rabin) raised were not in the article (in *Ha'aretz* last week)," Labour's chairman argued. "I don't know what he's arguing about."

"We had red lines in the past," Peres said in a radio interview, alluding to the time Rabin had been prime minister and he defence minister. "Why wasn't it then a formula for a war?" Peres added that Multi-National Force and Lebanese troops would set the line for Syrian advancement in Lebanon now.

He also rejected suggestions that his ongoing feud with Rabin should deter voters. "All in all, we operate as a responsible team" he insisted.

UK Parliament rejects death penalty bills

LONDON (Reuters). — Parliament last night voted 361 to 245 against an amendment to the British criminal code which would have restored the death penalty for terrorist murders. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher voted for the bill, but the rest of her cabinet voted against.

In the second of five amend-

ments, the house turned down by a slightly smaller majority a proposal to execute murderers of police.

Voting on three other categories was proceeding after midnight Israel time, and if all the measures failed, the legislature was to consider a general resolution on the restoration of the death penalty. (Earlier story page 4)

Gaddafi tied to Hussein murder bid

BEIRUT (AP). — Defecting Libyan Ambassador Aziz Omar Shbiz charged in a radio interview yesterday that Libyan strongman Muammar Gaddafi plotted to assassinate King Hussein of Jordan by shooting down his plane with shoulder-fired Strella-SAM-7s.

"Colonel Gaddafi put me personally in charge of executing the assassination plot," Shbiz said in a recorded telephone interview broadcast by the Paris-based

Arabic-language Radio Moute Carlo, two days after he resigned as Libyan ambassador to Jordan.

Shbiz said two assassination squads equipped with Strellas were to be posted near Amman airport and Aqaba airport to shoot down Hussein's plane.

"If the first squad failed to hit the royal aircraft upon take off from Amman, the second squad was to shoot it down upon landing in Aqaba," Shbiz said.

New Jordanian cabinet expected

KUWAIT (AP). — King Hussein of Jordan was expected to ask former prime minister Zaid Rifai to form a new cabinet replacing that of Prime Minister Mudar Badran, *Al-Qabas* reported yesterday.

In a dispatch from Amman the independent newspaper said the king was bent on "improving relations with Syria." Rifai "enjoys cordial links with Syria," it said.

Syria and Jordan have been at loggerheads since 1970, when the king's forces crushed and evicted the PLO.

Syria tried at the time to seed ar-

moured columns into Jordan to defend the PLO, but Hussein's air force wiped out the Syrian force.

Diplomatic sources said that Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, who visited Amman recently, tried without success to arrange a meeting between Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Al-Qabas said Rifai, who is accompanying Hussein on a private visit to France, was in the process of preparing a policy statement to be delivered upon forming the new cabinet.

Parties push for local election funds

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter
Representatives of the three largest Knesset factions — Likud, Alignment, and National Religious Party — have been conferring on legislation that would give the parties state funding for the local elections scheduled for October 25.

They are expected to push through a bill before the Knesset recesses on July 27.

So far, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor has opposed any allocation from the state treasury for municipal campaign expenditures. He believes the parties should raise their own funds.

Although state funding for parliamentary election campaigns is not unusual, state funding for local election campaigns is said to be an Israeli invention.

When the Political Parties

Financing Law was passed by the Knesset in 1973, the norm was that Knesset and local elections were held on the same day.

It was only when the local elections of 1978 were held independently of Knesset elections that the parties got the idea of voting themselves state financing for local elections too.

About a month ago, Yehuda Hashai (Alignment) presented a private member's bill on the subject. This left open a number of crucial points, including the amount of money to be paid.

Although the bill runs to six single-spaced typewritten pages, it did not include the usual explanatory remarks. Even more un-

usual was Hashai's laconic presentation of the bill, which likewise threw no light on the bill's contents.

"I request the Knesset to approve the Local Authorities Bill (Party Financing) on its preliminary reading and refer it to the Interior Committee," he said, and sat down.

Since there is almost a wall-to-wall coalition in the Knesset when party financing is involved, Hashai had every reason to expect the House to grant his request.

But Interior Minister Yosef Burg rose to say that he would like to defer his reply.

This was significant, because in the past neither he nor the finance minister has considered it his duty to present his stand on party financ-

ing bills. These were strictly the Knesset's own business, they implied by silence. Burg has still not replied.

In the inter-faction talks the Alignment has proposed that the total state allocation for all parties be based on IS300 per voter. A point at issue has been whether a party's Knesset strength or its strength in the local councils be the basis for its allocation.

Five parties which over-spent in the last Knesset elections are particularly pressed for cash as a result of the recent High Court decision overturning the Knesset law of March 1982, which retroactively raised the ceiling on the parties' own expenditure.

They are now paying fines to the form of deductions from their current-expenditures financing over a period of 20 months. Since two of the five are the Likud and the Alignment, the Knesset is not likely to agree to Aridor's proposal.

In a related development, the Knesset yesterday referred to the Interior Committee motions for the agenda by Pinchas Goldstein (Likud-Liberals) and Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui) about the forced contribution from Hamashbir Hamercazi Tel Aviv employees for the campaign fund of Alignment majority candidate Dov Ben-Meir.

Burg said the letter sent to the employees advising them that one day's pay would be deducted from their pay for this purpose unless they specifically objected constituted "at least an esthetic blemish."

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	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	30	16-27	26
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Nahariya	61	20-30	29
Safed	45	17-28	27
Haifa Port	63	24-29	29
Tiberias	35	23-35	35
Nazareth	35	19-30	28
Afula	48	21-31	30
Shomron	45	20-29	28
Tel Aviv	52	22-29	29
B-G Airport	54	22-30	30
Jericho	34	22-37	36
Gaza	42	22-28	28
Beersheba	19	20-33	33
Eilat	15	27-41	40

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1.15 p.m. today.

Leland Blackfield, Honolulu, planted a grove of trees in his father William Blackfield's memory yesterday in the Jewish National Fund's John F. Kennedy peace forest in Jerusalem.

Officer buried

KIRYAT TIVON (Itim). — Rav-Seren Amir Galili, killed in the bomb attack near Hatzbaya in Southern Lebanon Monday, was buried at the military cemetery here yesterday.

Among the thousands of mourners were many members of Kibbutz Shamir, where Galili was born and educated. Galili's mother was killed nine years ago at Shamir, in Upper Galilee, in a terrorist attack.

The funeral was attended by Mapam secretary-general Victor Shemtov and journalists from *Al-Hamishmar*, where Galili's father, Yosef Galili, works.

"For how long will fathers bury their sons? I call on the leaders of this country to bring the boys home," said the bereaved father at the graveside.

ARENS EXPECTS

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Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) said that one of the reasons given by the civil administration for the dismissal of the Hebron mayor was that he had petitioned the High Court of Justice with respect to building in the market area. This was most serious from the aspect of the rule of law, he said.

Yair Tsaban (Mapam) said that the government wants to rule over all of Eretz Yisrael, disregarding the presence of the other people living here. This is the source of the tragedy, he said.

Pinhas Goldstein (Liberals) called for strong measures against stone-throwers, tire-burners, and knife-wielders. These measures should include the sealing and destruction of houses, and deportation.

Tewfik Toubi (Democratic Movement) blamed the government and its "policy of conquest and settlement" for all the blood spilled on the West Bank and in Lebanon.

Rabbi Haim Druckman (Matzad) said that only "a strong band" would demonstrate to the Arabs the government's determination to settle the Jewish quarter of Hebron.

Gedalia Cohen (Tehiya) said that the hesitant settlement policy in Judea and Samaria encourages Arab riots and terrorism.

All the motions, except Toubi's, were referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Asher Wolfshin adds: Two Alignment doves on the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee say they will boycott a committee tour of Hebron next Monday.

Yosef Sarid (Labour) and Victor Shemtov (Mapam) wrote chairman Eliahu Ben-Elissar that since the committee will meet only with Jews, the tour will be worthless because it will show only one side of the picture.

Arens urged to lift ban on Palmah songs

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The director of the Histadrut's cultural and education centre has complained to Defence Minister Moshe Arens about his ban against playing Palmah songs at the IDF exhibition in Tel Aviv.

HOME NEWS

Ben-Eliezer confirmed coordinator for areas

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tat-Aluf (res) Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who has criticized some of the government's policies in the West Bank, yesterday was appointed coordinator of government operations in the administered territories.

In an interview this week, he reiterated his criticism of Jewish settlement in Hebron and recommended a conciliatory attitude towards Arab notables.

"One must strive for a dialogue with pragmatic elements in the West Bank with a view to gradually handing over the local administration," he said.

An official announcement issued by the office of Defence Minister Moshe Arens said Ben-Eliezer will assume the post Sunday. He will replace Rehavia Vardi, who asked to be relieved when Arens became minister several months ago.

Ben-Eliezer was military commander of Judea and Samaria from May 1978 to October 1981. He had several confrontations with Jewish settlers and was sympathetic to the Arab Village Leagues, reportedly calling them "scarecrows" and "quailings."

Under present circumstances, the developments in Hebron were unavoidable, Ben-Eliezer said in reply to a question this week. "The basic element is that two nations live together in the same area. Both live in uncertainty. The Arab nation lives in almost total uncertainty and that leads to total alienation. That's why what had happened is a

perfectly natural phenomenon."

In criticizing plans for Jewish settlement inside Hebron, he said, "I am not against Kiryat Arba, as it exists and will develop. But moving into the heart of the Arab population — this is a process you must expect to pay a price for... the question is whether this developing process is helpful or harmful. I think it is harmful."

Asked about the role Hebron's deposed mayor Mustafa Natshe had in this process of deteriorating relations, Ben-Eliezer said, "I appointed him after (the previous mayor Fahd) Kawasme was deported. The man himself differs from the type of a militant personality and the question is how could we bring Natshe to help and cooperate (with us). (Our) policy and concept should be defined and we must proceed towards an all-encompassing dialogue. I, for example, think there was reason to increase the dialogue with all mayors before the incident and I hope there will be no more such incidents. I think that with Natshe, too, we had to sit down and talk."

The new coordinator, who is 47, was born in Iraq and walked to Palestine when 18 years old.

When terrorists took over the school in Ma'alot in 1974, he led units of his Druze brigade and occupied the building. He later went several times to Beirut to maintain contact with the Phalangists. After leaving the army he became Tam's secretary-general, but because he was disenchanted with politics, he went into private business.

Herut picks Cohen-Avidov to run for mayor of Haifa

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Likud MK Meir Cohen-Avidov was chosen as Herut's candidate to run for mayor of Haifa in the forthcoming municipal elections at a stormy branch meeting here last night. His rival for the post, Yael Rom, withdrew her nomination at the last minute after failing to get the meeting postponed.

According to Herut sources, Rom, her husband Likud MK Yosef Rom and about 20 of her supporters who are not members of the branch council staged a noisy 30-minute demonstration.

But the election went ahead despite the shouts and protests, with 46 of the 64 council members pre-

sent voting for Cohen-Avidov. The other 15 abstained. The decision has to be ratified by Herut's national executive.

Cohen-Avidov said Rom will not be admitted to the Herut branch office in future unless she agrees to accept the election result. He said there are even plans to change the locks on the door so that she cannot use her existing key.

Rom had earlier complained about what she described as the disproportionate membership of the branch council. Last week, she said that when the council elections were held in 1982, her supporters received only two of the 71 seats, even though her group won 49 per cent of the votes.

Pentagon hears Israel's plans for redeployment

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Defence Ministry Director-General Aluf (res.) Menahem Meron was at the Pentagon yesterday, reportedly presenting Israel's tentative plans for a troop redeployment in Lebanon.

Meron, a former military attaché at the embassy here, met with U.S. under-secretary of defence Fred Ikle and other senior Pentagon officials.

Almost at the same time, under-secretary of state for political affairs Lawrence Eagleburger was discussing with the embassy's minister Binyamin Netanyahu that issue as well as other matters on the U.S.-Israeli agenda, including Prime Minister Menachem Begin's July 27 scheduled meeting with U.S. President Ronald Reagan at the White House. Netanyahu has just returned to Washington from a visit to Jerusalem.

U.S. and Israeli officials stressed that the Reagan administration and the Begin government are closely consulting on the situation in Lebanon in further preparation for the Reagan-Begin summit, which will follow Reagan's meeting next

week with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

There have been repeated reports in the U.S. news media in recent days that the Syrians intend to dispatch a high-level delegation to Washington as part of the U.S.-Syrian "working group" established during Secretary of State George Shultz's recent visit to Damascus. But the State Department yesterday denied that any plans for such a visit had been concluded.

At a brief White House ceremony late Tuesday afternoon, Ambassador Meir Rosenne presented his diplomatic credentials to Reagan.

According to Rosenne, the president told him that he is looking forward to Begin's visit. Reagan said to have conceded that there have been some "misunderstandings" with the Israeli government in recent months, but Rosenne quoted Reagan as adding: "That happens in every family."

The two men exchanged formal letters, as required under diplomatic protocol. In Reagan's letter, the president referred to the close ties between Washington and Jerusalem, pledging to try to strengthen them even further in the months and years ahead.

LEVY CONFIRMS

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Implying that he had recently met with Lebanese military leaders, Levy said they had assured him that the Lebanese army could now take over the whole area of Southern Lebanon occupied by the IDF. "In conjunction with the Multi-National force," the Lebanese should have "no problem" taking over the 20 per cent of Israeli-held territory the IDF plans to withdraw from, said Levy.

Regarding the West Bank, Levy said that the settlement of Jews in Hebron's Jewish Quarter would not fundamentally change the security situation or the IDF's burden in the territories.

While trying to avoid outright expressions of political opinion, Levy said that the West Bank is vital to Israeli security under present circumstances, in which some Arab states wish to conquer Israel or parts of it.

Reuters yesterday reported a large number of Israeli armoured vehicles heading south through Lebanon towards the Israeli border. They cited eyewitness accounts as the basis for their report.

About 25 Israeli armoured personnel carriers were driven through the southern port city of Sidon yesterday morning, while about 50 armoured vehicles and 100 trucks waited at an Israeli airfield near the town of Damour farther north, the Reuters informants said.

The Associated Press said that Israeli jets flew over Southern Lebanon in day-long mock attacks yesterday, a day after the defence ministers of Syria and Israel toured their frontlines and traded threats.

Waves of Israeli warplanes panicked the population in thunderous mock dive-bombings over Sidon and surrounding towns and villages, telephoned reports from Sidon said.

No confirmation on African official's visit

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Ministry spokesman Avi Pazner yesterday said he did not know anything about a reported recent visit to Israel by the finance minister of the Central African Republic, Sylvester Benghi.

A report of Benghi's visit, and his meetings with Premier Menachem Begin and other ministers, was carried in yesterday's *Kohet Rashit*.

The magazine said the African state would soon resume diplomatic relations with Israel, but no corroboration could be found.

HEAT. — The Kuwait meteorological administration yesterday reported the highest temperature in a decade — 50 degrees Centigrade.

Yadin: No gov't decision on Hebron

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The re-establishment of a Jewish quarter in Hebron would be a great mistake, and there is no government decision to proceed in that direction, Prof. Yigal Yadin, former deputy prime minister, said yesterday.

Yadin was interviewed on Israel Radio's *Today* programme.

He said that Kiryat Arba, overlooking Hebron, was established for the purpose of preventing and making unnecessary Jewish settlement within the city.

He denied reports that there was a binding government decision dating from March 1980 to re-establish Hebron's Jewish quarter. "There was a decision to that effect, but after a lively argument in which minister (of agriculture) Arieh Sharon took the other side, I persuaded the prime minister to transfer the matter to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Security. Since the Likud at that time didn't have a majority there, the idea got nowhere."

Yadin said that any move to re-establish the Jewish quarter in Hebron would have to be based on a completely new proposal and decision.

Answering a question on the protection of settlers, Yadin said: "Anyone who wants to settle in a heavily populated area ought to know that this is liable to lead to friction. I'm sure the IDF is doing all it can, but it's impossible to put a soldier on every building."

Patt: No change in economic policy

Post Economic Reporter

Industry Minister Gideon Patt yesterday, strongly denied to the press that the government is planning a major change in economic policy. But Patt expressed concern about the balance of payments problem, which has given rise to recent rumours of an economic change of course, and said that priority should be given to this problem.

Despite the denials, political and economic observers seem united in their judgment that the Treasury is seriously considering measures.

Yesterday it was reported that the Treasury will demand from the various ministries a total of IS45 billion in spending cuts.

This sum is roughly equal to the estimate of public spending above the planned budget for 1983/4.

The excess spending has been caused by export encouragement schemes, expenditures linked to the Lavajet project, the prolonged involvement in Lebanon, subsidies to basic commodities, and other items.

JEWISH

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Arba local council, Yehuda Ritter, written to Natshe on December 6, 1981, in which he demands the sum of IS720,000 as repayment for services provided to the Jewish settlers inside Hebron by Kiryat Arba.

These expenses include "IS250,000 for a generator for security lighting, IS20,000 for patrols by a security jeep, IS50,000 for salaries of guards" plus sundry items such as transport for children and playground furniture.

"This request to you follows instructions from the Israeli Interior Ministry (the deputy Director-General Mr. Shabam) and in accordance with the wishes of the cabinet and the prime minister all of whom received a copy of this letter before it was sent to you," Ritter wrote. He also reminded Natshe of the fate of his predecessor, Fahd Kawasme, who was dismissed and expelled after the 1980 attack on Beit Hadassah.

When the association first applied to register with the registrar of associations in the West Bank in the mid-seventies the then military commander of Judea and Samaria Tat-Aluf (Res.) David Haguel turned down the request.

Haguel, now director-general of the Energy Ministry, scribbled across their application that "these people are trouble-makers and they will disturb peace and security."

MEHTA. — A Zubio Mehta chair of musicology has been established at the Hebrew University. Funds were raised by the Canadian friends of the university.

Old-timers testify at Arlosoroff inquiry

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The state commission of inquiry into the 1933 murder of Jewish Agency leader Chaim Arlosoroff yesterday heard testimony from septuagenarians and octogenarians, most of whom tried to explain why they had not reported what they knew at the time to mandatory authorities.

First on the stand was bookstore owner Yehzekel Steimatzky, 82. He said that on the night of the murder, which took place on the Tel Aviv beach, Avraham Stavsky, convicted of the murder but acquitted on appeal, was in Jerusalem. Revisionist activist Yehoshua Lichter had approached him that day, Steimatzky related, for help in obtaining a visa for Stavsky to go to Greece to smuggle immigrant into the country.

The efforts were unsuccessful, but Stavsky, who borrowed a Russian book and bought a Russian newspaper from him, decided to remain in Jerusalem for the night, Steimatzky said.

The next day, when suspicions were cast on the Revisionists after the killing, he and other party members went to Tel Aviv for consultations. None of those present knew Stavsky, according to Steimatzky.

The following Monday morning, police came to question him about Stavsky and took fingerprints from the store's door. Steimatzky saw a lawyer, and the next day the two of them went to see a Capt. Rice, explaining that if it was suspected that Jews were involved in the murder it could have been a Jewish communist or a provocateur, but not a Revisionist, he told the inquiry.

Attorney Emanuel Duck testified that as a clerk at the time, he used to sit in court and observe trials. He told the commission that Stavsky, whose trial he saw, did not "walk like a duck" — a description of the killer given by Arlosoroff's wife Sima. Abdul-Majid, on the other hand, Duck said, referring to a convicted man who allegedly confessed

to the killing, did have such a gait. The witness had not reported his observation to anyone connected with the investigation at the time.

Also testifying was Hanan Zablitzky, who said he was relieving himself of 49 years of a guilty conscience. He admitted to having committed perjury against an Arab subsequently convicted of shooting fruit from an orchard near Kiryat Arba. The real thieves were police, he said, who took the fruit for a New Year's Eve party, and framed him, a guard at the orchard, to be.

The connection with the Arlosoroff murder emerged when Zablitzky added that another witness at the fruit-theft trial, Ibrahim Abu Rajej, confided in him that police had previously induced him to manufacture evidence against Stavsky. The Arab said that plaster casts of "Stavsky's footprints" allegedly taken from the scene of the crime were faked — he had found no footprints.



Minnesota Attorney-General Hubert Humphrey III yesterday hands Prime Minister Menachem Begin a gift painting of the home of his late father, for many years a U.S. senator and vice-president under Lyndon Johnson in the 1960s. On the table is a bust of the late Hubert Humphrey, also a gift to Begin from the visitor, who is running for U.S. Senate elections in his state in 1984. (Zoom 77)

Court: No PoW status for Ansar detainees

The High Court of Justice yesterday turned down a request by several prisoners at the Ansar camp in Lebanon and their lawyers that they be officially declared prisoners of war or that their detention be deemed illegal.

The court strongly affirmed its authority to rule in the matter, and noted with approval the state's promise that arrangements will be concluded to allow the detainees to meet Israeli lawyers. Until now, they have been unable to do so.

The official prisoner of war status was denied, the court said, because not even *prima facie* evidence had been presented to show that the detainees were a "party to a conflict," as required by the Geneva Convention. Nor were they shown to have fulfilled its requirement that armed forces wear recognizable uniforms, bear weapons openly and observe the rules of warfare.

But the Geneva Convention on treating the population in occupied territory does apply, the bench of Deputy President Meir Shamgar and Justices Aharon Barak and Shoshana Netanyahu ruled. Substance is more important than form, they said, rejecting the state's argument that since no military government has been installed, it cannot be considered occupation.

This finding imposing an obligation on the occupying army to adopt, as far as possible under the overriding requirements of security, "behaviour appropriate to civilized peoples," wrote Shamgar. This includes the prisoners' right to appeal against their detention and access to the International Red Cross, for instance, both of which have been granted.

It also demands that they be allowed access to lawyers from the occupying power, and this, the army

has now stated that it will make possible, thus granting the application, the case, attorneys Felicia Lea Tsemel, Walid Fahum, Mohammed Na'ama, a political victory on at least one matter.

Using the same argument, the court granted the army a new hand in carrying out the detention. In a significant procedural move, the court affirmed its authority to hear the petition. It rejected arguments that the detainees are not citizens and were not caught in Israeli territory, and that their detention is an "act of state" and of military policy, and therefore not judicially reviewable.

The army, like all other organs of the state executive branch, is subject to judicial review, the judges wrote, when legal aspects of its actions, as opposed to purely tactical ones, are challenged. (Itim)

Man sentenced to life for murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A 19-year-old man from Ganei Tikva was sentenced yesterday by the district court here to life imprisonment after being convicted of the murder of Dutch tourist Bob Soutine on February 4.

David Effinger, called "Dede" by his friends, shot and killed Soutine in a but in Ganei Tikva owned by Shlomo Sharoo.

Effinger denied that he had intended to kill Soutine, but confessed to most of the other charges. The court deliberations and judge-

ment focussed on the allegation of premeditation on Effinger's part. Soutine wanted to marry a local Ganei Tikva girl and intended to convert to Judaism. But he intended to fly back to Holland to undergo the conversion process.

To finance his trip, Soutine, together with an accomplice, broke into the Penguin nightclub in Tel Aviv and stole electronic equipment.

Effinger shot Soutine after a quarrel broke out between the two over the sale of the stolen goods.

Canned mushrooms from Spain ruled unfit

A 23-ton shipment of canned mushrooms from Spain was recently ruled unfit for human consumption before the 6,000 cans had left the port area, the Health Ministry announced yesterday.

Laboratory tests conducted by the ministry's food services division revealed that the mushrooms produced by Unichap, had not been adequately sterilized at time of canning, the spokesman said. This, together with other tests indicating

flaws in production, led the ministry to declare the entire shipment unfit.

The ministry has recently stepped up inspection of imported foodstuffs and has taken strict measures to ensure that no shipments enter the country before thorough chemical and bacteriological tests have been conducted, he said.

Yeshiva students appeal conviction

Thirteen yeshiva students have appealed against their conviction of charges of disturbing the peace at a performance last month in Jerusalem of Handel's *Messiah* oratorio.

The students were convicted on June 16 after admitting the charges. The students' lawyer, in his appeal to the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, argued that the students confessed only to shouting, not to running towards the musicians in Binyamin Ha'uma, as asserted by the prosecution. (Itim)

Knesset prepares for quality of life prizes

Post Knesset Correspondent

A special committee on the prize for the quality of life administered by the Knesset speaker met last week to choose an emblem for fund, money for which was tributed by the Racine family.

In deep sorrow I announce the death of my dear husband

Dr. HEINZ ALBERT CARO

The funeral will leave at 2.30 p.m. today, Thursday, July 14, 1983 from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Nahalat Yitzhak cemetery. Burial transport will be available.

Please refrain from condolence visits.

Lilli Caro

The Institutes for Applied Research, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Directorate and Members of Staff extend their sincere condolences to the family on the death of their colleague

HAIM YOSEF COHEN

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Jerusalem
Crista and Dustin Sher,
Miami

The coffin is scheduled to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport on El Al flight 004 at 7 a.m. today, and the funeral service will be at Sanhedria Funeral Parlour approximately one and a half hours after arrival. The burial will take place at Har Hamenuhot cemetery.

Shiva at 1 Rahov Baruch Ram, Netanya.

Water contamination said on rise

Post Knesset Correspondent
Bad drinking water causes thousands of cases of dysentery each year and the problem is growing, the Knesset State Control Committee was told yesterday.

Dr. Uri Marinov, director of the environmental service at the Interior Ministry, said the facts are kept from the public because the Health Ministry stopped publishing reports on the quality of drinking water in 1980.

Prof. Baruch Modan, director-general of the Health Ministry, said the \$800 million which the government budgeted to improve the quality of the Kinneret are still being withheld by the Treasury.

Margery Greenfield adds:

More than 4 per cent of the water tested annually throughout the country reveals signs of bacterial pollution, a senior Health Ministry sanitary engineer told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The tests are used to determine the presence of E-coli, a harmless bacillus whose presence indicates pathogenic organisms may also be in the water, he said.

The major problem is not the discovery of high bacterial levels during initial tests, but the faulty treatment of the affected water that leads to recurrences of the pollution, the official said. The ministry is responsible for conducting the laboratory tests and making their

results known to the settlement and local authorities, who must then take appropriate steps. As for the decision to stop publishing the lab reports three years ago, the official noted that the labs had been releasing raw data which did not take into account the large number of samples taken at the same locations. The labs also tested water that was not intended for drinking, without always being aware of the source of the water sample.

The reports therefore did not reflect the true quality of drinking water, and the distortions only served to create anxiety, he said. The ministry has taken no decisions to resume publishing reports on water quality.

Police looking for 'better officer material'

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The national police has raised criteria for its officers, hoping to attract "a better class of officer material" from the army, the academic and the professional worlds.

In a Jerusalem briefing with reporters yesterday, manpower division chief Nitzav Binyamin Barlay said a new advancement order went into effect this month. This makes it impossible for anyone to become an officer without a high school diploma, and impossible to move up the ranks without further training, including a full complement of matriculation exams.

Barlay said a similar tightening of criteria will be applied soon to the lower ranks.

The biggest manpower problem is a bottleneck toward the top. Only one in four pakad-level officers can look forward to promotion, he said.

In 1982, some 20,000 people looked into working for the police. Half were immediately found unsuitable — or themselves withdrew. Only 1,700 entered the force as policemen.

According to Barlay, the police force is "as com-

petitive as it possibly can be" in the employment market, and there are jobs available with immediate officer benefits for professionals in a wide range of fields. Accountants, lawyers, computer experts, laboratory technicians and management experts are all professions that the police need, in addition to the operations departments.

Much emphasis is expected to be put on getting young officers with field experience in the army to take a year on the force as cadets.

The manpower division in the force is in regular contact with the army's manpower division, and as officers leave the army, they are sometimes approached by the police, and offered recruitment terms.

A range of courses must be passed by junior officers, lasting from six weeks for future inspectors, to nine months for future commanders of sub-districts. Any person seeking appointment as a nizav-mishne must take the nine-month command course.

In the past there were no set regulations for promotion, said Barlay. He said it took almost two years to work out the new promotion order.

Stolen carpet said passed through Tel Aviv

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One of the world's most valuable carpets, which was stolen from a French castle in 1981, is believed to have been brought to Israel before being transferred to England for sale. The Tel Aviv owner of a company that imports objets d'art was questioned yesterday as part of the investigation by Interpol in France, England and Israel.

The carpet, woven in the 16th century and depicting mythological

figures, is estimated to be worth over \$2.5 million. It was stolen from the castle home of a French art collector outside Paris. Last February, the carpet appeared in the catalogue of Sotheby's, London, which offered it for sale at auction. But an art expert recognized the famous wall-hanging and the police confiscated it.

An international inquiry commission appointed by French police began investigating how the precious carpet reached England, and tracked it to Israel.

Two French police officers flew here and together with Tel Aviv detectives are trying to capture a ring of thieves specializing in objets d'art working in France and Israel.

The investigation led detectives to an antique dealer on Rehov Alenhy. The merchant is suspected of having had the carpet in his shop for some time. In the shop, police seized antique silver items and trays inscribed with French words, which are suspected of being stolen. The merchant, 53, was questioned but was released later because of poor health.

Demonstration over pension erosion

Thousands of old-age pensioners and members of the secretariat of the Civil Servants Union yesterday demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's Office and the Knesset to protest against the erosion of former civil servants' pensions.

Six coalition and opposition MKs joined the demonstrators. They promised to support an amendment to the Civil Service Law (Pensions), (litim).

Hoteliers told to cut rates 20 per cent

Israeli hoteliers have been asked by the Tourism Ministry to reduce their prices by at least 20 per cent. Ministry Director-General Raphael Ferber yesterday said that if the hoteliers do not agree to this, the ministry will not support their demand for a minimum price for both tourists and Israelis.

The ministry in the past has supported the hoteliers' demand for a "floor" on prices, on condition that maximum prices be lowered. (litim)

Yosef Mendelovich becomes a father

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Yosef Mendelovich, who spent nine years in Russian labour camps, became the father of a son, born to his wife Khatya in Jerusalem last week.

The 35-year-old yeshiva student was doing army reserve duty training when the baby was born in Sha'are Zedek Hospital.

Court remands 34 suspects in ultra-Orthodox riots

Jerusalem Post Reporter
All but one of 35 zealots arrested during ultra-Orthodox demonstrations in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim earlier this week were remanded into police custody for between three and seven days yesterday.

Most of the arrested will be charged of resisting arrest. Police turbulence. Some will also face charges of resisting arrest. Police have been holding most of the arrested *haredim* in Ashdod. The others are being held in Abu Kabir, near Tel Aviv.

Police sources indicated that the decision to hold the detainees outside of Jerusalem was to mitigate the possibility of any demonstrations outside the Russian Com-

mand jail. There was still some tension yesterday in the streets of the religious neighbourhoods of northern Jerusalem, but police — while maintaining beefed up patrols in the area — said they believe "the worst is over" for now.

But there have been reports in Jerusalem that there will be an attempt on Saturday evening to march from prayers at the Western Wall to the City of David archaeological dig.

During the past week, the dig has proceeded apace with occasional visits by *haredim* to the perimeter of the archaeological site. Police have sent such visitors packing and have made no arrests.

Police arrest four in drug raid

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Four men were arrested yesterday when heroin, hashish and prodromol (a synthetic drug) were found on them during a pre-dawn police raid on a Lod apartment. Military equipment was also found in the flat.

Narcotics squad detectives of the Coastal Plain sub-district noticed suspected drug users come and go from an apartment in Lod's Ashdod quarter several weeks ago. After watching the building and following some of the suspects, police broke into the apartment.

Forty-two grams of heroin,

enough for 600 doses according to police, were found and the apartment owner and three others, were arrested.

Two of those arrested are suspected by police of being major drug dealers in the coastal area, which has been flooded with drugs from Lebanon and Egypt in recent months.

Police attribute the recent wave of burglaries in the sub-district to a need to obtain money to buy drugs. Some of the burglars are 15 and 16-year-olds, sent out by drug "sharks" who remain behind the scenes.

The four men will be brought before a Ramle's judge today.

Two educators named to review exams

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday appointed two educators to examine complaints about the recent matriculation exams in mathematics and literature, and to propose new questions for next year's exams.

They are Dr. Carmy Yagov, principal of Herzliya Gymnasium in Tel Aviv, who will examine the math exam, and Zvi Zamet, principal of Danziger comprehensive school in Kiryat Shmona, who will examine the literature exam.

They also will propose ways to grade this year's exams without blemishing pupils who may have been confused or misled by the questions.

Druckman: Change war widow pensions

Post Knesset Correspondent
MK Rabbi Haim Druckman (Matzad) yesterday wrote Defence Minister Moshe Arens and urged him to change regulations relating to pensions for IDF widows, so that widows who remarry continue to receive their pensions for a number of years.

Druckman explained that IDF widows frequently prefer not to remarry so as not to lose their pensions. Instead, they become common-law wives if they wish to create new homes, he said.

This "intolerable" state of affairs should be changed at once, Druckman wrote Arens.



Aura Herzog helps schoolchildren take part in yesterday's Kol Yisrael summer safety programme broadcast from Beit Hanassi.

Radio blitz on safety

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The dangers of sun, soaks, poisonous plants, spoiled food, swimming, cars, fire and bicycles were explained yesterday to thousands of children who listened to a radio programme broadcast live from Beit Hanassi.

The three-hour programme on Kol Yisrael's Second Programme was initiated by the wife of the president, Aura Herzog. She took part in the show with hundreds of schoolchildren. The presidential residence had been fitted with communications equipment to turn it into a radio studio.

The show featured advice from experts on safety during the summer vacation. Children were told to drink at least two litres of liquid every day and more if engaged in heavy physical activity. The importance of wearing a hat outdoors, of not eating unfamiliar grocery and of keeping food refrigerated was emphasized.

"Aharonehik," a lifeguard at Tel Aviv's Gordon beach, who has saved thousands of people from drowning in 60 years, told about keeping safe in the water.

Drunk driver barred for backing into police

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — A drunk driver who backed his car into a police car was yesterday given a three-month suspended prison sentence, fined \$5,000 and had his driver's licence revoked for three years.

Oded Arazi, 54, Rishon Lezion, put his car in reverse last month without taking any precautionary measures and crashed into a police car. Police, suspecting he was drunk, took him for a blood test and found 225 milligrams of alcohol in his blood — more than four times the maximum permitted amount.

Kollek visits Moslems for Id al-Fitr feast

Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday toured several of Jerusalem's Arab neighbourhoods to greet Moslem residents on Id al-Fitr. He praised the religious co-existence in the capital, which despite some problems, stands out favourably, according to Kollek, in the context of the Middle East's many religious and ethnic conflicts.

Among the leaders Kollek met were Moslem High Council chairman Sheikh Abdul-Din Alami, Jerusalem District Electric Company chairman Awar Nusseiba, East Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce president Fayyil Barakat and walf trust director Hassan Tabih.

Police plan crackdown on video clubs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Increasing complaints by parents that their children are spending all their time and money in video clubs have prompted police to plan a crackdown on scores of unlicensed video clubs in Rehovot, Rishon Lezion, Ramle and Lod.

The campaign, which is to start soon, will include closing unlicensed clubs in these towns, as well as licensed clubs which use poker video cassettes and sets, and bringing the club owners to court. Appliances for poker video games are illegal and will be confiscated, Coastal Plain sub-district spokesman Pakad Johnnie Tester said yesterday.

Post Knesset Correspondent

The prosecution and the police will give priority to court cases involving gambling machines. Deputy Attorney-General Yehudit Karp told the Knesset Education Committee yesterday.

Video parlours containing video-poker and other games of chance in slot machines have flourished recently in many towns. Last week police began confiscating the illegal machines and preparing files against their owners.

Karp said that even though the minors playing the machines were committing an offence, they would not be prosecuted.

Yavoc Mayor Meir Shitrit (Likud) said many mayors are afraid of enforcing the law against the video parlours because of threats against them and their families. Police must "crack-down on the parlours and eliminate the gambling scourge, Shitrit said.

Uzan calls for agriculture debate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Social Affairs and Labour Minister Aharon Uzan has requested a comprehensive discussion in the cabinet as soon as possible on the deterioration of the country's agricultural economy.

In a letter to the cabinet secretary, Uzan wrote that more and more moshav farmers have stopped cultivating their plots entirely and have taken salaried employment.

Farms have fallen into neglect, and valuable equipment is rusting away, Uzan wrote.

Some moshav farmers have applied for welfare supplements, he wrote.

The cabinet has never debated the state of agriculture, Uzan wrote, and a debate should be scheduled.

MKs to investigate judicial appointments

Post Knesset Correspondent

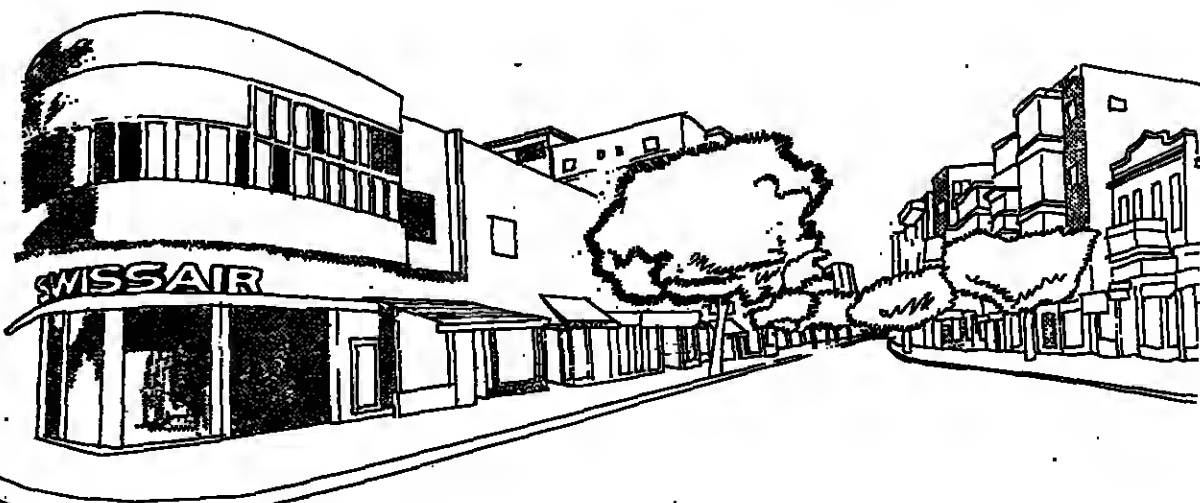
The Knesset Law Committee yesterday decided to discuss allegations that a number of judges have been appointed on political grounds.

After the demand for this discussion was aired repeatedly by the Alignment opposition, coalition members on the committee agreed on condition that the probe go back to the Alignment era and not be restricted to the period since the Likud formed the government in 1977.

The Likud members of the committee, led by chairman Eli Kulash, accused the Alignment of trying to undermine the judicial system.

Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky, appearing in the committee meeting yesterday, said the Alignment sought to destroy the only remaining apolitical institution which still has public confidence.

Actually there is no need to let you know that Swissair is redecorating



Although the Management, Sales and Accounts Departments* are moving temporarily to the 2nd floor of the Dvora Hotel — 87 Ben Yehude, Tel Aviv
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UK votes on hangman

LONDON (Reuters). — After a highly charged public debate, Britain's new and markedly more right-wing parliament was last night deciding whether to reintroduce hanging.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will vote in favour of restoring the death penalty for murder, along with many of the Conservative members swept into parliament by her landslide general election victory last month.

Rank-and-file policemen, prison wardens, right-wing Conservatives and Protestant leaders in bitterly-divided Northern Ireland led the campaign to bring back the gallows.

But some influential sections of the British establishment including many judges, top trial lawyers, prison governors, doctors and the

Anglican Church are against the death penalty.

In a series of free votes, without the normal constraints of party discipline, some of Thatcher's more moderate cabinet colleagues will also vote against the measure.

Britain abolished hanging in 1965 and regular votes over the years to bring back the rope have been defeated in parliament.

The first vote late last night was on restoring the death penalty for terrorist murders.

The pro-hanging members of parliament concede that if they lose that, they are unlikely to win ensuing votes on the death penalty for killing a policeman, a prison guard, murder for profit, or killing with firearms or explosives.

One killed, 565 arrested in violent Chilean protests

SANTIAGO (AP). — Police and troops patrolled Chile's two largest cities yesterday after a teenage girl was killed and riot squads arrested 565 people in violent demonstrations, against the 10-year-old military government.

President Augusto Pinochet tried to quash the third "Day of National Protest" in three months with an 8 p.m.-to-midnight curfew in Santiago and Concepcion. But his security forces failed to keep hundreds of young anti-government rioters off the streets of working class districts.

The night-time disorders capped a day of turbulent protests at four universities and two courthouses, organized by Christian Democratic, Socialist and Communist leaders protesting against high unemployment and a crackdown that has put

Pinochet's top political and labour foes in jail.

Military authorities announced the one-night curfew at midday. It was the first army attempt to suppress the two-month-old protest movement, the first sustained political challenge to Pinochet since the 67-year-old general seized power a decade ago.

However, troops sent to enforce the curfew left the burden of confrontation to police armed with automatic weapons, tear gas, clubs, protective helmets and plastic shields.

Police said Isabel Sanhueza, a 19-year-old student, was shot dead outside her home in southwest Santiago during the curfew. The death brought to six the number killed in the three nationwide one-day demonstrations so far.

British road catches fire

LONDON (Reuters). — One Tarmac road caught fire and others just started running away in Britain's worst heatwave in seven years.

Firemen in the northern town of Carlisle hosed down hospital roofs as inside temperatures neared suffocation point. Bathers on south coast beaches played nude volleyball.

In Devon, police told some scandalized passengers that girls seen riding topless on a bus were not breaking any law.

Workmen called out to a new phenomenon described as "drifting roads" relaid melting surfaces. Some local authorities banned the use of hoses as drought fears increased.

Yesterday's official hotspot was Cardiff, Wales, where temperature reached 33 degrees centigrade.

In West Germany, 10 people died in the heatwave in which temperatures rose to more than 33 degrees centigrade.

Polish Politburo approves abolition of martial law

WARSAW (AP). — The ruling Politburo has endorsed a call for lifting martial law, putting Poland one step closer to ending the 19-month military crackdown, the state-run media reported yesterday.

The reports said that the Communist Party chiefs, headed by Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, approved the call by the nation's Political Front.

Former Communist leader exonerated

WARSAW (AP). — Edward Giersek, Poland's former Communist Party chief ousted in the wave of strikes in September 1980, has been absolved of responsibility for the country's economic woes, Polish television reported on Tuesday.

Giersek and other officials were held responsible for bringing on economic troubles and strikes that launched the independent union Solidarity in 1980, but few high-ranking officials have been brought to trial.

PRON, as "reflecting the intention and position of the party."

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said Politburo approval would have to be seconded by the Military Council, which was expected to agree.

Both the Politburo and Military Council for National Redemption are headed by Jaruzelski, who formed the council of generals to run Poland when he declared martial law on December 13, 1981.

Following approval from the Military Council, Parliament would be asked to formally approve measures lifting martial law — the last step in ending the crackdown in time for Poland's national holiday on July 22.

In the Vatican City, Pope John Paul II yesterday dropped his weekly prayer for peace, harmony and liberty in his troubled homeland.

He had offered the short prayer in Polish at his weekly Wednesday general audience since January 13, 1982, one month after the imposition of martial law in Poland.

Chad army retakes Abeche

N'DJAMENA (Reuters). — The Chad government has announced that its troops have recaptured a key eastern city in what it called a decisive turning point in a war against Libyan-backed rebels.

A military communique read on state radio late Tuesday night said Abeche, which fell to former president Goukouni Oueddei's rebel forces at the weekend, was captured by troops loyal to pro-Western President Hissene Habre.

But in Paris on Sunday Chad Foreign Minister Idriss Misikine renewed a plea for French military intervention and called the current three-week-old upsurge of fighting "a situation of unprecedented gravity."

Misikine, on a brief stopover on his way to China, told reporters: "We also need advisers, aviation and heavy artillery support." He said French shipments of military aid to Chad had been insufficient to end the rebel offensive.

Meanwhile, 450 Zairean troops arrived in N'djamena yesterday, the second contingent of a force that eventually will number 2,000 men. Further reinforcements were expected later in the day along with three Mirage fighter-bombers.

The first contingent, made up of 250 paratroopers, arrived from Zaire on July 3 accompanied by three Italian-built Macchi fighter-bombers.

Col. Lengha Lengha, Zaire's Ambassador to Chad, told reporters that the troops from his country would be "put at the disposition of the Chadian high command, which can use them at any time and where it wants."

For the time being, the paratroopers are in N'djamena where they are training daily," Lengha said. The Macchi aircraft, he added, so far have been used only for "reconnaissance missions."

The French-built Mirages have a much longer combat range.

Salvador rebels kill four soldiers

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Leftist guerrillas ambushed an army patrol killing four government soldiers and wounding five others in San Vicente province, a military spokesman said on Tuesday.

The attack came in a province where the military is promoting a U.S.-supported reconstruction programme, after claiming to have swept the area clean of rebels.

The spokesman, who asked not to be identified for security reasons, said the rebels set up the ambush on Monday night near Apastepeque, 60 kilometres east of San Salvador, and killed a lieutenant and three soldiers.

The U.S. Embassy here ordered new security precautions for American diplomats yesterday, say-

ing it had received death threats against military and other personnel.

An embassy spokesman said personnel have been ordered not to jog or remain on the street for more than 90 minutes at a time.

"We have received information of a direct, specific threat, an attempt to kill along the lines of AJ's murder," the spokesman said, referring to the May 15 assassination by leftist rebels of Navy Lt. Commander Albert Schaufelberger, deputy chief of military advisers here.

4 soldiers killed in N. Ireland blast

BELFAST (AP). — Four militia soldiers were killed and one wounded yesterday when guerrillas detonated a huge landmine under a patrol vehicle on a remote country road in Northern Ireland, police reported.

The explosion hurled the vehicle into the air and gouged a big hole in the main road from Belfast to Omagh near the village of Ballogawley.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility from any of Northern Ireland's guerrilla groups. But police sources blamed the outlawed Irish Republican Army or its Marxist offshoot, the Irish National Liberation Army.

Baby elephant 'says' he is a fine fellow

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A local radio station has broadcast an "interview" with a baby elephant at a zoo in the Soviet Central Asian Republic of Kazakhstan, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday.

Tass said the elephant, named Batir, spoke nearly 20 phrases into tape recorders for zoologists.

It added that the zoologists were checking a report by the watchman at the zoo that Batir talked during the night.

The agency quoted the elephant as saying: "Batir is good. Batir is a fine fellow."

Elephants are not on the list of animals capable of imitating human speech. But Batir is said to have been raised by humans from a very early age and is said to have exceptional hearing.

Hongkong bilateral talks will resume on July 25

PEKING (Reuters). — Sino-British talks on the future of Hongkong will resume in Peking on July 25; Chinese and British officials said yesterday at the end of a preliminary round of detailed negotiations.

A joint statement said, "The two sides have had useful and constructive talks," but gave no details.

Sources in Hongkong close to the talks said they had covered "technical issues," and avoided the sensitive problem of sovereignty.

Lawyer says orgy tapes were stolen by newsmen

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP). — An attorney who said he had "embarrassing" videotapes of slain model Vicki Morgan in sex scenes with U.S. government officials reported the tapes were stolen from his law office on Tuesday, and he blamed "a member of the press corps."

The lawyer, Robert Steinberg, had said the tapes showed two high-level "appointed officials" and a U.S. congressman.

After refusing to confirm the theft for most of the day, Steinberg told a mob of reporters as he left his office that someone from the media was responsible for the disappearance of the tapes.

"Someone from the press corps went into my library this morning and took those tapes," he said. "We know which one it was, and it's under investigation."

Earlier in the day, Los Angeles police had served Steinberg with a subpoena directing him to produce the tapes in Van Nuys Municipal Court on July 25, the same day on which Marvin Fancost, 33, is to be arraigned on charges of beating Morgan to death last week with a baseball bat. Morgan was the mistress of the late department store

Sports

Netanya crash in Paris

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Following their four-match winning streak here in the European Intertoto competition, Israeli National Football league champions Maccabi Netanya came down to earth with a bang this week in the Tournament of Paris soccer competition in Paris.

The Sharon club on Tuesday night crashed 4-1 to Batafogo F.R. of Brazil, having been defeated by the same margin 24 hours earlier by hosts Paris-St. Germain in the opening game of the four-team tournament. The defeat left the Israelis at the bottom in the final table.

Tuesday's match followed exactly the same pattern as the earlier contest, with Netanya's David Lavie opening the scoring and his side then conceding four goals.

In the night's other contest, Rumania's national XI edged St. Germain 1-0, to win the prestigious annual event and leave the French side as runners-up ahead of Batafogo.

Netanya coach Mordechai Spiegel is hoping that his team will return to their winning ways on Saturday, when they face Aarhus of Copenhagen in Denmark in their penultimate game of the intertoto event. The Israeli club is already well on the way to winning its intertoto group competition, for the third time. In the weekend's other intertoto encounter, Shimsion Tel Aviv — with only one point to date from their four outings — are away to Switzerland's F.C. Lucerne.

Kiwis look to Hadlee

LONDON (AP). — The New Zealand cricketers will be looking to break their duck in their opening Test match against England which starts tomorrow at the Oval — the Kiwis have never won a Test on English soil.

Much will depend on the performance of all-rounder and opening pace bowler Richard Hadlee, a truly world class bowler, who if fully supported could swing the match New Zealand's way.

Hadlee's fellow paceman Martyn Sneddon was yesterday struggling to prove his fitness, as was England quickie Graham Dilley.

Dilley has a sore shin, while Sneddon's calf muscle injury restricted him to just seven overs in the tourists drawn match against Middlesex earlier this week.

England will be hoping all-rounder Ian Botham can retain his recently found form — he smashed 152 for Somerset on Monday to follow his five wicket haul two days earlier.

Sure to return to the England side is Middlesex's left-arm spinner Phil Edmunds, controversially left out of the touring side to Australia last winter.

Handelman gets a bye

Post Sports Reporter

The Israel Amateur Athletic Association yesterday exempted 22-year-old runner Mark Handelman from the qualifying heats of the 800 metres at the annual IAAA championships, being held at Hadar Yosef stadium, Tel Aviv.

Handelman's plane home from Canada, where he finished fifth in the 800m, was delayed — making it impossible for him to get to Hadar Yosef in time for his heat. The IAAA were not prepared to reschedule the heats, and instead gave Handelman a bye directly into Saturday's final.

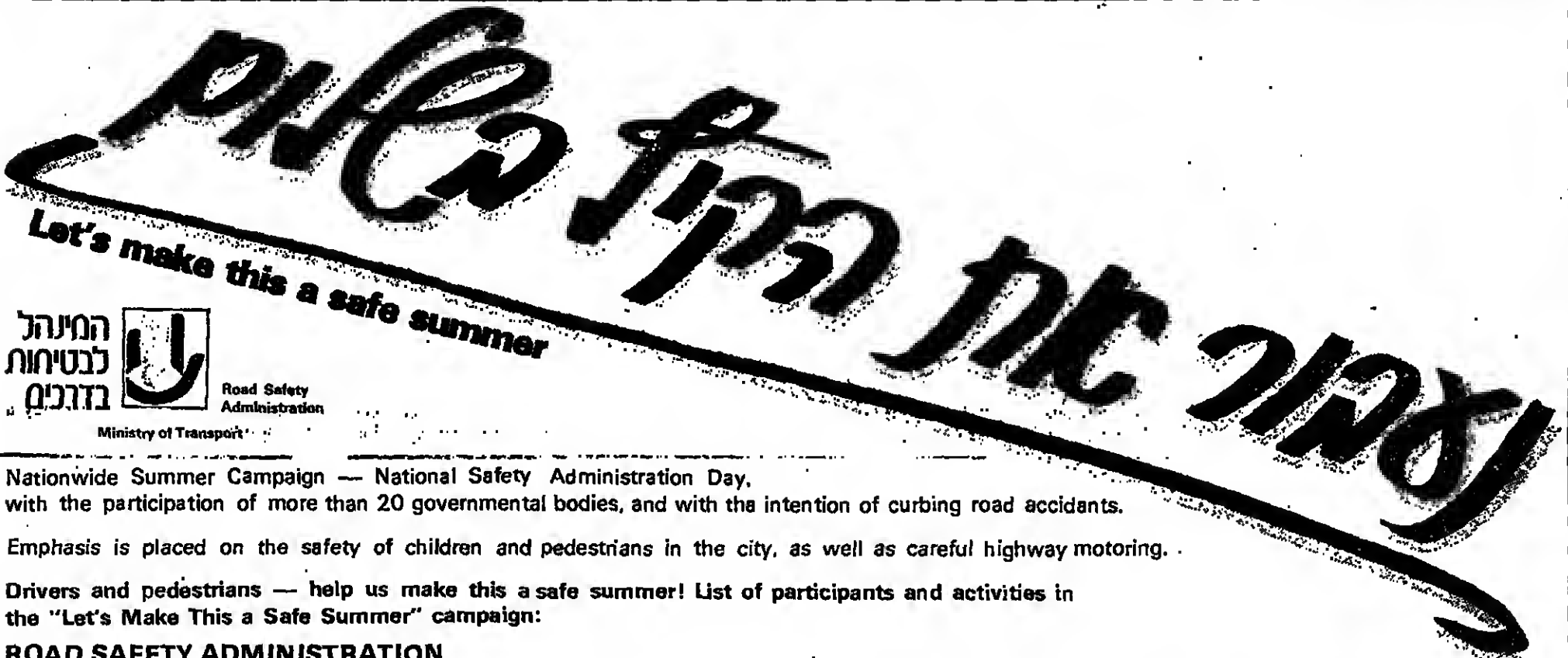
Tuesday's baseball

American League

Seattle 3, Boston 2; Baltimore 3, Oakland 1; Detroit 5, California 4; Chicago 4, Cleveland 0; New York 4, Minnesota 3; Toronto 9, Kansas City 6; Milwaukee 9, Texas 2.

National League

Philadelphia 4-7, Atlanta 1-6; Cincinnati 6, New York 2; St. Louis 7, Montreal 5; San Diego 5, Chicago 3; Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1; Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 2.



Nationwide Summer Campaign — National Safety Administration Day, with the participation of more than 20 governmental bodies, and with the intention of curbing road accidents.

Emphasis is placed on the safety of children and pedestrians in the city, as well as careful highway motoring.

Drivers and pedestrians — help us make this a safe summer! List of participants and activities in the "Let's Make This a Safe Summer" campaign:

ROAD SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Coordination of activities of the various bodies; education campaign through the media; mobile vehicle-inspection units; highway safety contests.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

The Vehicles Division will conduct intensive garage checks; the Licensing Division will conduct inspections of licensing institutes; and the Controller's Divisions of various townships will complete road painting and the installation of traffic signs.

POLICE

Doubling town traffic law-enforcement units; stationing unmarked police cars on highways; helicopter supervision; training pupils' traffic units.

CIVIL GUARD

Activating some 1000 volunteers in the new "Police and Traffic" supervision units.

I.D.F.

Enlarging of highway law enforcement system by means of speed traps, with the aid of helicopters and speedy trials; relaxation stations for soldiers en route; information and guidance campaign in army units.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Arranging hundreds of special refresher courses for teachers on the theme of road safety.

MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING — PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Marking interurban highways; care and repair of road shoulders.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF ROAD ACCIDENTS

Learning activities amongst campers; pedestrian information campaign; "Safety Days" in settlements and towns.

SPORTS AND CULTURE CENTRES ("MATNASIM")

Arranging "Safety Days" and distribution of educational material.

CENTRAL PARENTS COMMITTEE

The "Two Telephone Calls for Our Children's Safety" campaign, to be conducted throughout the country on July 14.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES CENTRE

Requesting all local authorities to complete road and pedestrian-crossing markings; intercity safety contacts and other municipal activities.

Lancia launches its Prisma family car

By N. DAVID GROSS

LANCIA, the aristocrat of the Fiat motor car empire, has gone into the family car line while still retaining its swankiness. The Lancia Prisma is on sale in Israel this summer and hopes to make inroads among the newly rich in this country.

In contrast to its veteran Delta model, which Lancia pushes for its younger drivers and for women, and the Trevi, for the wealthier, experienced businessman, the Prisma is aimed at the new elite of indepen-

dent self-employed, whose incomes tend to soar above inflation.

The Prisma will be Lancia's main line, coming out of its massive works at Chivasso near Turin. The use of robots is being slowly introduced at the plant, struggling to overcome union resistance. We watched a steel press at the plant, where a robot untrillingly, unerringly fed flat metal sheets into an automatic press. But, as the sheets emerged, shaped into part of the Prisma, two North Italian workers lifted them out by hand and

transferred them to the next part of the assembly line. The robot could have done this work for the men, but it could not feed their families. But the workers welcome the advent of robots for particularly unpleasant tasks, such as spraying the underside of the car.

The Lancia factory also boasts an ultra-modern quality control department, where a "Phoenix" robot checks the body shell geometry. The "Phoenix" is an all-seeing, all-feeling measurement system, run by an electronic processor, which can spot minuscule deviations from the master design in the two side body panels, front frame, and centre and rear floor pan.

WE TOURED the factory the day after test driving the new Prisma from Rome for 280 kilometres through Tuscany and back. We had the 1,500 cc model (the Prisma also comes in 1,300 cc and 1,600 cc models). The front-wheel drive car drove effortlessly, smoothly over city, autostrada and country side roads, through sun and rain. The speedometer showed 160 kph for some stretches without any indication of a strain on the part of car or driver. The manual gear-change is effortless through all five forward gears.

The seats are easily adjustable into many positions, the steering wheel has two positions and ventilation and heating comes at you if you wish from many angles. The gadgetry and the dashboard with its multitude of dials and indicators are easy to get used to. One can see at half a glance whether one is driving in the most economical way going uphill or on a curving section of the road. Warning lamps on a schematic screen indicated the source of any malfunctioning in any part of the car, such as parking lights, directional indicators, engine oil pressure or pressure in the brake lines.

This driver's 1.89 metre bony frame fitted comfortably into the driver's seat and felt no awkwardness throughout the long drive.

The test route for the invited motoring journalists from Ireland, Cyprus, Israel and Britain was well marked. We started out in a convoy of about 30 Prismas of 13 different colours; ours was pale blue. We had been given clearly marked maps, but getting out of Rome was a little bewildering. The initial convoy soon broke up, each driver going at his own speed and using his own personal methods of coping with Rome's traffic problems.



The swanky Prisma four-door sedan by Lancia.

Fearing that I had missed the turn-off onto the autostrada, I stopped to ask for directions several times from non-Hebrew and non-English speaking Italians. The people invariably were polite and helpful, studying our map and admiring the first Prismas out of the factory.

THE CARS had been brought from Turin to Rome especially for the test ride, and were shipped back to Turin on its completion. The Lancia people thoughtfully supplied us with paid tickets for the toll-road. About half the route was along the rather boring *grande raccorda anulare* autostrada, where there is no speed limit. The tedium of autostrada driving was amply compensated for

by the half of the route through rural Tuscany.

There was a break for drinks on route, offered by Lancia at the halfway point in Tuscany, which was a major sculpture centre 24 centuries ago, and which still has beautiful things to show. A luxury converted bus was turned into a bar where we pulled up to be regaled with sandwiches and drinks. We also had a chance to view a nearby medieval church, one of the many such showpieces of that part of Italy.

Following this four-hour get-acquainted drive I felt that I indeed had come to know and like the Prisma. My companion spent part of the drive in the back seat,

reporting that it was just as comfortable as the front. The backrest folds down to enlarge the already commodious baggage area. A novel feature is that the back rest is split in half. Thus one passenger can sit in comfort, while the space beside him is joined to the back boot and makes room for additional luggage.

The price of the 1300 cc model, which is available for immediate delivery, is IS631,731, plus IS75,593 in the new import deposit. For immigrants the price is IS390,150, and there is no import deposit. The 1500 cc model will be available in the autumn in the 1984 model year. The current list price is IS785,000, plus IS94,000 deposit. For immigrants it is IS399,000.

Leyland's talking car—the Maestro

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

IT SHOULD elicit at least a raised eyebrow to note that 1984 is the year that automobiles in this country will begin talking back to drivers — informing them, in firm feminine tones, that they have been watched and found wanting.

This seemingly Orwellian vision-come-true is actually a benign frill designed to help British Leyland reclaim its place in the world's car markets with its new Maestro. The 1984 model will begin to be marketed in Israel this August.

The "voice synthesis system," as it is called, tells the absent-minded driver some 15 seconds after he has switched on the ignition "please fasten your safety belt." Other messages concern low fuel, handbrakes and lights left on, and similar problems. The Israeli agent, Eastern Automobile Co., is planning a Hebrew-language version.

However, what British Leyland is resting its hopes for the Maestro on are other voices — the public's —

attesting to its comeback in the auto field after a dizzying spin in reputation and profits.

"When I used to travel on a plane, I dreaded being asked by the fellow sitting next to me who I worked for," acknowledges A.E. Lawrence, director of international operations for BL's Austin Rover Group, which produces the Maestro. Speaking to a group of visiting Israeli journalists recently, Lawrence said that even the company's famed Jaguar had been living on its reputation, rather than its intrinsic quality. Labour troubles and demoralization gripped the giant firm which was skidding towards bankruptcy.

NEW MANAGEMENT and large government loans have begun to turn the company around. England's massive unemployment and the threat of the company's total collapse helped persuade the workers to accept large cutbacks in the workforce, and a new job discipline that has made it one of the most efficient in Europe.

The Austin Metro, launched in 1980, heralded the company's new direction. It has already become England's best-selling small car and had begun to carve out an export market.

Austin hopes it will similarly capture the medium-sized car market with the Maestro, a five-door hatchback which employs advanced technology to achieve exceptional fuel economy. The most efficient of the seven Maestro models, the 1.3 HLE, has been credited in British government tests with 60.5 miles (96 km.) per gallon at a test speed of 56 miles (89 km.) per hour. In addition, low servicing costs add to the car's pocketbook appeal. Service intervals are only 12,000 miles (19,000 km.) and brake linings, for instance, can be examined without removing wheels.

Two of the models, the 1.3 and 1.6 are to be marketed in Israel at prices upwards of IS500,000.

"Electronic engine management" provides computer efficiency with an on-board microprocessor. This



The Maestro made by BL's Austin Rover Group counts the "voice synthesis system" among its innovations.

controls a choke which cuts off as much as 50 per cent of the fuel used, normally during deceleration and reduces engine idling speed. Fuel saving by this system is estimated at more than 10 per cent.

HIGH-TECHNOLOGY is also built into the instrument panel. The speedometer telling you how many miles you are travelling an hour will inform you, at the push of a button, how much that is in kilometres per

hour. As the fuel level drops, eight tiny green lights successively extinguish until only two red lights remain. When only one red light remains, the voice synthesis unit will say "low fuel."

The braking system is continuously monitored, sensors in the front brake pads activating a warning light.

The technology built into the Maestro is ahead of the norm for

European cars, according to independent observers. Although Japanese firms to produce solid-state electronic dashboards and voice synthesis systems like the Maestro's, they are restricted to expensive models.

Development work on the Maestro started in 1977, the aim being to create a car that could compete with the Ford Escort and Volkswagen Golf. The development was moved back into low gear while the company concentrated on producing the Metro. When attention was again focused on the Maestro the original concept was upgraded into the high-technology product that has emerged. The company decided to purchase VW's reliable gearbox for use in the Maestro, rather than risk an untested design of its own.

Austin Rover's extensive development and testing facilities reflect the industry's perpetual search for a better buggy. "There's no such thing as built-in obsolescence," says a top company engineer. "Technological improvements keep occurring so fast that you have to make changes. But overall, you're getting a lot more

value for your money in a new car than you were even a few years ago."

THE BUSINESS is competitive enough to warrant security precautions at testing facilities that resemble those at top military security establishments. Elaborate experiments are taken to prevent experimental models being photographed either by infiltrators or from afar by industrial spies or journalists with telescopic lenses. One experimental vehicle British Leyland has unveiled is its ECV 3, a high-performance economy car which has already achieved a fuel consumption of 100 mpg at 30 mph and is still being improved upon. The vehicle is not a production prototype but some of its components and processes may be worked into production cars.

The government money the company has been receiving runs out at the end of this year, with Austin Rover still swimming in red ink. It has, however, been swimming steadily upwards during the past five years and has reason to believe that Maestro, the talking car, will tow it back up into the heady atmosphere of profits.



An experimental road marking system using upright, flexible "cat's eyes" on narrow central dividing strips is being tried out in Haifa. The aim is to prevent drivers straying into the opposite lane — particularly at night when the white line markings are sometimes difficult to see.

Stolen cars, suspects held in Gaza roundup

GAZA (Item) — The special police unit set up about a month ago to track down stolen vehicles on their way to Egypt this week found four cars and arrested three more suspects. The unit has so far recovered more than 60 vehicles worth about IS30 million and arrested some 25 suspects.

A spokesman for the Gaza district police said that the police arrested three car-smuggling rings, which had worked separately. These rings cooperated with thieves in Israel who brought cars to Gaza, where the identifying marks of the vehicles were altered.

He added that on many occasions cars were stolen according to specific order: make, model, and colour.

SOBER IN PRISON — The Japanese have managed to handle the drunk driving problem better than the West. Offenders who cause serious accidents usually end up in one of eight "traffic prisons" for up to 15 months. That tough approach might well be considered by other governments.

Saga of the stateless car

By ERNIE MEYER

The following sad story came to light some time ago. It deals with a Canadian lawyer who felt that sabbatical here was in part sabbatical for the trouble he had disposing of his imported new car.

Phil Schwartz, a member of a well-known Toronto law firm, had been granted the six-month sabbatical period by his partners (an example well worth emulation) to tour the country and to pursue Jewish and other studies. As befitted a lawyer, he made meticulous preparations.

These included enquiries many months before the trip about the import of a car into Israel and its subsequent disposal. "I checked with the Israeli economic mission in Toronto and was told that the import of a new car and its sale in Israel after paying taxes was feasible," he told *The Post*.

Schwartz ordered a white Peugeot 504 station-wagon with stick gearshift from Peugeot International in France. The car, which cost about \$8,000, was equipped to conform to Israeli specifications. Schwartz picked it up in Haifa and subsequently had entirely satisfactory service from it. But the moment he entered the port customs shed, his troubles started.

The officials told him that there were some new regulations. "From that point on the car was a source of aggravation," he said.

After settling his family in a rented flat in Jerusalem, Schwartz found that his mind was not at rest until he checked into the new regulations. He had originally counted on recouping about \$5,000, after selling his car and paying the taxes on it. But after checking with customs he found out that he could not sell his car here at all and had to re-export it. He could not take it with him to Canada or sell it back to the Peugeot people in France because of the different technical specifications, he found.

"Here I was in possession of a stateless car. The situation was so bad, it kept me up at night. What was I supposed to do — put a bomb under it?" he said.

Schwartz was beginning to feel that he was going to be the victim of a form of legal confiscation, or "licensed theft," as he called it in a more desperate mood.

At one of his many attendances at the customs office an official told him: "Why are you getting so aggravated? Why don't you simply sign the car over to us, as many other people have done?"

With the assistance of friends in the automobile business Schwartz was finally — three days before his departure from the country — given permission to sell his car. This permission was granted as the result of a special one-time decision of the customs authorities.

Luckily he was able to find a buyer willing to pay \$6,500 plus

taxes for the car. "When the deal was closed I was so happy that I told my dealer friend, who had arranged it, to take \$500 and pass it on to a disabled soldier for the upkeep of his car. This was done," Schwartz recalled.

But he had not finished with the customs people yet. They did not honour the original estimate of duty due to them, he said, and upped the amount. Schwartz feels that he was subjected to a "punitive" rate because of the "favourable" treatment he had received with the special order that made the sale possible in the first place.

After all was said and done, he ended up with about \$3,000. "The reason I'm complaining is not because of the money, I can take that off my annual United Jewish Appeal contribution. I cannot believe that legislation passed after I acted in good faith on earlier information would be applied so as to render my car practically valueless," he said.

Schwartz feels that the only purpose of the changed regulations was to benefit car importers, who did not like the "competition" of tourists selling their cars tax-exempt under the passport-to-passport system. He understands, of course, that regulations can be changed, but he feels that under the circumstances he was victimized by an "overbearing and insensitive bureaucracy."

Road-safety funds stuck at the Treasury

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Only half of the sum collected by the Finance Ministry to finance road-safety projects has reached the local authorities. Transport Ministry officials this week told the Knesset State Control Committee.

The money, collected through the various fees paid by car owners, is supposed to be transferred to the local authorities. But of the IS400

million collected, only IS200m. have been transferred.

Committee chairman Avraham Katz-Oz said he will demand that the Knesset not approve any car-fee increases until it is sure that the money reaches its destination.

Transport ministry officials told the committee that some road-safety projects are not undertaken because local authorities do not pay their share of the financing.

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- ★ Tuesday, July 26, Stage A
- ★ Tuesday, August 9, Semi-Final
- ★ Tuesday, August 18, Final

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People from all over Israel with sand craft ability, initiative and imagination, and
those who simply enjoy a day at the beach are invited to participate.

Pedestrians — cross the road at crossings only!

Money Matters

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Sigh of relief as prices rise

TEL AVIV. — The market turned mixed yesterday, following several days of plummeting prices, and the expected sigh of relief could be heard. Buying pressure exceeded selling considerably, and if individual stocks are ignored and guidance is taken from the categories, all rose in price.

The General Share Index rose by 0.34%, with individual categories rising (in percentages) as follows: commercial banks 0.36, mortgage banks 0.07, financing institutions 0.56, insurance companies 0.68, trade and utilities 0.05, land development and citrus 0.29, industrials 0.12, investment companies 0.53, and petroleum 0.19%. However, the turnover in stocks fell to 157.11 million, compared to 158.59m. on Tuesday.

While 27 shares fell by 5% or more, 42 shares rose by the same margin. There was only one "sellers

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By MACABEE DEAN

only, "Ampa" "A", and one "buyers only." Pargod options. Whereas 17 shares (including options) rose by about 10%, 15 shares (including options) fell by about 10%. But among those shares with considerable turnover, seven rose by 10% or more. These included Ampa, which rose by 14.8%, and only one, ICP, fell by 9.9%.

The enormous selling pressure on shares in the Discount group eased considerably yesterday. Discount investments remained firm despite an offer of 295,300 shares, with 1,341,200 being traded. All Bayside shares rose, while Property and

building remained firm despite an offer of 924,800 (with 845,200 being traded).

Another share, Agan, which has not been doing too well lately, remained firm yesterday despite large sell orders. Perhaps the solution may be found in the fact that Koor, which has considerable holdings in Agan, is discussing having a few more of its companies "go public" and would like to show that Koor supports its shares (something which it has not yet done so far).

The turnover in index-linked shares continued to grow, and the general tendency was firm to rising, with some rising by up to 2.5%, 4% fully linked rose by up to 1%, 3% fully linked, by between 1.5% and 2.5%, and 80% linked by up to 2%.

Double options rose by between one and two per cent. Bonds traded in foreign currency fluctuated slightly in both directions, while those linked to foreign currency rose by up to 2%.

IDB Bankholding yesterday announced a 1516,684 dividend on its preferred shares and also decided to declare the 1528,599 dividend on its preferred "A" shares (which was paid on December 28, 1982) as final.

Yarden Hotels announces that its recent offer was oversubscribed by 13.5 times. Each firm or person who placed an order will receive 13.5% of its order, but no one will receive more than 1,078 units or less than one.

The Bayside Land Corporation announces that Property and Building has acquired 40,000 shares (nominal value) of Bayside, thus bringing Property and Building's total shares to 16,599,270.

Sahar Holdings has rented its building at 48 Rehov Yehuda Halevi to Bank Hapoalim for one year, for \$550,000.

The Independence Bank announces that Tara Inc. has acquired 5,622,000 of its shares.

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Rising fertilizer sales

buck world trend

TEL AVIV. — Despite the world recession, which has led to a sharp drop in the sale of fertilizers, Israel Chemicals managed to increase its exports by about six per cent during the first half of 1983, the company announces.

Sales were \$165 million in the first six months of this year, compared to \$155m. during the same period last year. It is noted that this growth in exports took place despite the fact that prices abroad were 20 to 30 per cent lower.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

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French franc 6.3186
Dutch guilder 16.9935
Swiss franc 23.2327
Swedish krona 6.4014
Norwegian kroon 6.7323
Danish krone 8.1399
Finnish mark 5.3005
Canadian dollar 39.9417
Australian dollar 42.9065
South African rand 44.8412
Belgian franc (10) 27.0087
Italian lire (1,000) 3,2140
Japanese yen (100) 20,4742
Jordanian dinar 136.37
Lebanese pound 11.45
Egyptian pound 44.5532

Le Souffle

30 scrumptious souffles, cold fresh juices, dozens of delightful dishes

5 Yedidiya/Corner 10 Coresh Jerusalem 02-225551 11am till 10pm

Commercial Banks

Bank	Volume	Change	%
IDB p	82500	—	n.e.
IDB s	3561	758	+10
IDB s r	3585	30	+1
IDB p. A	21600	—	+300
IDB op 11	2600	49	n.e.
Union r	2700	749	+9
Discount r	4573	53	+11
Discount A r	4573	40	+11
Discount op 2	3650	45	n.e.
Discount B	525	120	n.e.
Mizrahi r	1483	112	+6
Mizrahi s	1483	20	+6
Mizrahi op 3	2660	27	+20
Mizrahi op 11	1086	59	n.e.
Mizrahi s r	11592	—	+90
Mizrahi op 7	575	235	+3
Mizrahi s r	831	247	+21
Maritime 0.1	412	428	+13
Hapoalim p. B	4080	3	+10
Hapoalim r	2389	1289	+7
Hapoalim op 3	2389	34	+7
Hapoalim op 7	20300	—	n.e.
Hapoalim op 13	4760	220	+20
Hapoalim op 16	13250	—	n.e.
Hapoalim s	9100	—	n.e.

Land, Building, Citrus

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Oren	245	221	+22
Oren op 1	410	5	+14
Azorim invest.	325	176	+1
Azorim op 1	2345	1	n.e.
Azorim op 2	794	32	+40
Azorim op 3	287	57	+1
Azorim op 4	175	302	+5
Azorim op 5	8746	31	n.e.
Azorim op 6	7960	9	n.e.
Azorim op 7	5670	3	n.e.
Azorim op 8	126	40	+12
Azorim op 9	231	27	+6
Azorim op 10	162	186	+2
Azorim op 11	567	11	+7
Azorim op 12	137	186	+7
Azorim op 13	99	143	+5
Azorim op 14	79	53	n.e.
Azorim op 15	185	173	+2
Azorim op 16	234	256	+5
Azorim op 17	118	100	+1
Azorim op 18	330	67	n.e.
Azorim op 19	1080	136	+3
Azorim op 20	250	4	n.e.

Mortgage Banks

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Adomim 0.1	2100	64	+96
Gen Mortgage	1815	316	n.e.
Gen Mortgage	1815	35	n.e.
Gen Mortgage	2404	89	+12
Gen Mortgage	1200	42	+70
Gen Mortgage	100	146	+1
Gen Mortgage	3680	86	+40
Gen Mortgage	1295	649	n.e.
Gen Mortgage	705	108	+5
Gen Mortgage	100	154	n.e.
Gen Mortgage	4053	62	+50
Gen Mortgage	1650	62	+50
Gen Mortgage	4001	1	n.e.
Gen Mortgage	2685	23	n.e.
Gen Mortgage	2670	26	+10
Gen Mortgage	6750	19	+1
Gen Mortgage	1000	271	+6
Gen Mortgage	225	2083	+3
Gen Mortgage	260	1541	n.e.

Financing Institutions

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Shilon r	205	134	n.e.
Shilon op B	1510	—	n.e.
Shilon op 1	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 2	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 3	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 4	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 5	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 6	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 7	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 8	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 9	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 10	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 11	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 12	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 13	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 14	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 15	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 16	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 17	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 18	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 19	871	220	n.e.
Shilon op 20	871	220	n.e.

Insurance

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Aryeh	852	217	+33
Aryeh op 1	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 2	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 3	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 4	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 5	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 6	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 7	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 8	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 9	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 10	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 11	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 12	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 13	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 14	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 15	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 16	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 17	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 18	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 19	31600	—	+600
Aryeh op 20	31600	—	+600

Services & Utilities

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Galci Zohar 1	620	141	+27
Galci Zohar 2	201	136	+1
Galci Zohar 3	106	210	+6
Galci Zohar 4	234	340	+13
Galci Zohar 5	218	112	+15
Galci Zohar 6	233	192	+10
Galci Zohar 7	148	33	n.e.
Galci Zohar 8	86	9	n.e.
Galci Zohar 9	469	118	+42
Galci Zohar 10	225	34	+4
Galci Zohar 11	11500	—	+470
Galci Zohar 12	3701	17	n.e.
Galci Zohar 13	502	133	n.e.
Galci Zohar 14	310	636	n.e.
Galci Zohar 15	160	681	n.e.
Galci Zohar 16	75	65	+1
Galci Zohar 17	297	360	+27
Galci Zohar 18	380	75	+20
Galci Zohar 19	233	34	+4
Galci Zohar 20	120	190	n.e.
Galci Zohar 21	67	582	+3
Galci Zohar 22	691	33	+69
Galci Zohar 23	530	11	+3
Galci Zohar 24	320	15	+11
Galci Zohar 25	183	89	+2

ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION

Southern Region

Build Your House in Beersheba — Shechnat Neve Noi

A number of plots are still available at the site of the above project.

These will be allocated to the public on the basis of updated values of the land and development work.

All other details are as published in the original prospectus, subject to this present notice.

Registration for these plots will be held at the Administration's Southern Region offices at Rehov Ben Zvi (over Ulman Yabalom). When registering, you will be required to make an IS 25,000 deposit (banker's cheque) which will be regarded as an advance payment on ground rent.

Additional details from the Administration's Southern Region office (address as above).

This notice in effect until September 10, 1983.

ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK LTD.

FOR THE FOREIGN CURRENCY

Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli Shekel, for U.S. dollars transmitted under \$3,000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of \$500.

Selling Buying

U.S. 49.2301 49.2301

DM 18.1104 18.1104

Swiss FR 23.2491 23.2491

French FR 6.3186 6.3186

Dutch G 16.9935 16.9935

Austrian SK (10) 27.0087 27.0087

Swedish KR 8.1399 8.1399

Danish KR 5.3005 5.3005

Canadian D 39.9417 39.9417

Australian D 42.9065 42.9065

Belgian F 44.8412 44.8412

Italian L 3,2140 3,2140

Japanese Y 20,4742 20,4742

Jordanian D 136.37 136.37

Lebanese P 11.45 11.45

Egyptian P 44.5532 44.5532

GOLD: \$427.30/\$427.80/oz.

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

U.S. 1.5205/15 per \$

DM 2.2890/10 per \$

Swiss FR 2.1180/90 per \$

French FR 7.7835/85 per \$

Italian L 1591.28/75 per \$

Dutch G 2.6755/80 per \$

Yen 240.50/80 per \$

Swedish KR 7.6940/70 per \$

Danish KR 9.2510/40 per \$

Norwegian KR 7.3150/80 per \$

Commercial Banks

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Argaman p.	950	82	+10
Argaman s	932	149	+6
Argaman op 1	185	98	n.e.
Argaman op 2	952	30	+110
Argaman op 3	191	68	+17
Argaman op 4	124	357	+3
Argaman op 5	446	231	+3
Argaman op 6	496	—	+10
Argaman op 7	2270	1	n.e.
Argaman op 8	210	165	n.e.
Argaman op 9	92	59	+5
Argaman op 10	27	124	+11
Argaman op 11	251	59	n.e.
Argaman op 12	100	535	+4
Argaman op 13	86	10	+13
Argaman op 14	1950	37	+40
Argaman op 15	535	27	+6
Argaman op 16	828	132	+10
Argaman op 17	174	1255	+7
Argaman op 18	116	198	n.e.

Land, Building, Citrus

+3.9	Dafon 5	90	63	+4	+3.9	Taya op 2	250	7	-15	-5.7
+3.5	Dafon op 5	108	39	+6	+7.1	Tab B	285	180	+2	+7
+4.4	Dexter Chem.	130	41	+5	+4.0	Lachish 1	618	48	+2	+3.2
+4.4	Dexter op A	63	179	+5	-6.9	Lachish 2	689	12	-5	-7
-4.8	Fertilizer 0.1	499	56	n.e.	-	Lachish 1	617	1	-	-
-4.8	Fertilizer 0.5	164	709	n.e.	-	Lachish op	723	3	n.e.	-
-4.8	Fertilizer op	66	534	-12	-1.5	Rogovin 1	165	400	n.e.	-
+2.9	Cabot a	645	24	+15	+2.4	Two Pharm.	230	48	-1	-4
+2.9	Cabot b	650	1	-	-					
-	Hamasul 1	210	217	+4	+1.9					
-	Hamasul 5	140	288	+5	+3.7					
-	Hamasul op	188	157	n.e.	-					
+5	Hatehof 1.0	130	41	+3	+9.6	Unico r	386	25	+35	+10.0
+10.5	Hatehof 5.0	215	35	+20	+10.3	JDB Dev.			no trading	
+12.7	Hatehof op 1	436	1	-4	-9	IDB Dev. op 2	3787	1390	+9	+2
-1.2						Incoba	1515	108	n.e.	-
-2.3						Incoba Dev.	464	484	-	-
-5.4						Elgar r	3700	7	-	-
-	Vitalgo 1	130	50	+10	+8.3	Elgar b	1490	-	-9	-6
-	Vitalgo 5	146	106	+4	+6.0	El-Rov 1	100	308	+4	+4.2
-	Vardimon	260	45	+12	+4.8	El-Rov 5	62	835	-3	-3.5
-	Vardimon op	153	22	-10	-6.1	El-Rov 1	601	13	n.e.	-
-1.1	Zikh 1.0	303	225	+10	+2.0	El-Rov 5	612	13	n.e.	-
-1.1	Zikh 5.0	148	2,129	+10	+7.6	Amisar	4000	45	-360	-12.3
-1.1	Zikh op A					Aminor	4440	3	+25	+6

